

large tracts of land now in a state of nature, available for settlement. Recent explorations and surveys made by our Crown Lands Department in various parts of the Province, have discovered many eligible tracts of land, equally fertile to any now settled upon.

The lands are well timbered, well watered, with good soil, abundance of water-power for manufacturing purposes, and possess, as far as natural advantages are concerned, every requisite for sustaining a large population. Such lands, however, require to be opened up by means of roads, in order to render them accessible for settlement.

The large grants for opening Colonization roads, proposed by the Government and sanctioned by this House, evince the interest felt in opening up wild lands for settlers. The amounts granted have been spent in most cases to good advantage. The results will soon follow if means are taken to encourage settlers to locate on these lands and to afford that assistance necessary for them to establish themselves. Immediate results cannot be looked for.

I take it, that the Government by authorizing and contributing towards the establishment of Colonization Societies, which I am happy to say the people have lately shown so much interest in, will do much towards the inauguration of a system which cannot fail of success, and which will give satisfactory results.

The expenditure of the large sum of \$644,500 during the past three years, upon Agricultural and Colonization purposes, cannot fail, if future efforts are kept up, to attract to our wild lands, large numbers of immigrants, who will by their enterprise and industry materially add to the prosperity and wealth of our Province, and induce others to remain in our midst, as well as bring back those who have left the land of their birth in hopes of bettering their condition. (Cheers.)

It should be remembered that anything like systematic, energetic efforts to open up our wild lands with the view of inducing our native population to remain in the country, or to attract settlers from other lands is comparatively a late effort. We should not expect results too soon. It takes